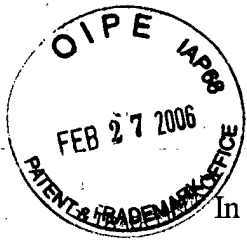


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NORIYUKI SUZUKI, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/628,404

Filed: July 29, 2003

For: STORAGE UNIT,
INFORMATION
PROCESSING APPARATUS,
AND EJECT CONTROL
METHOD FOR STORAGE
UNIT

Examiner: Mardochee Chery

Group Art Unit: 2188

February 24, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2005 for one month from January 31, 2006 to February 28, 2006.

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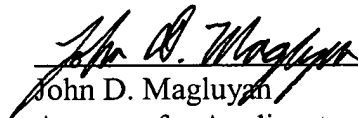
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Submitted herewith is a check for \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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